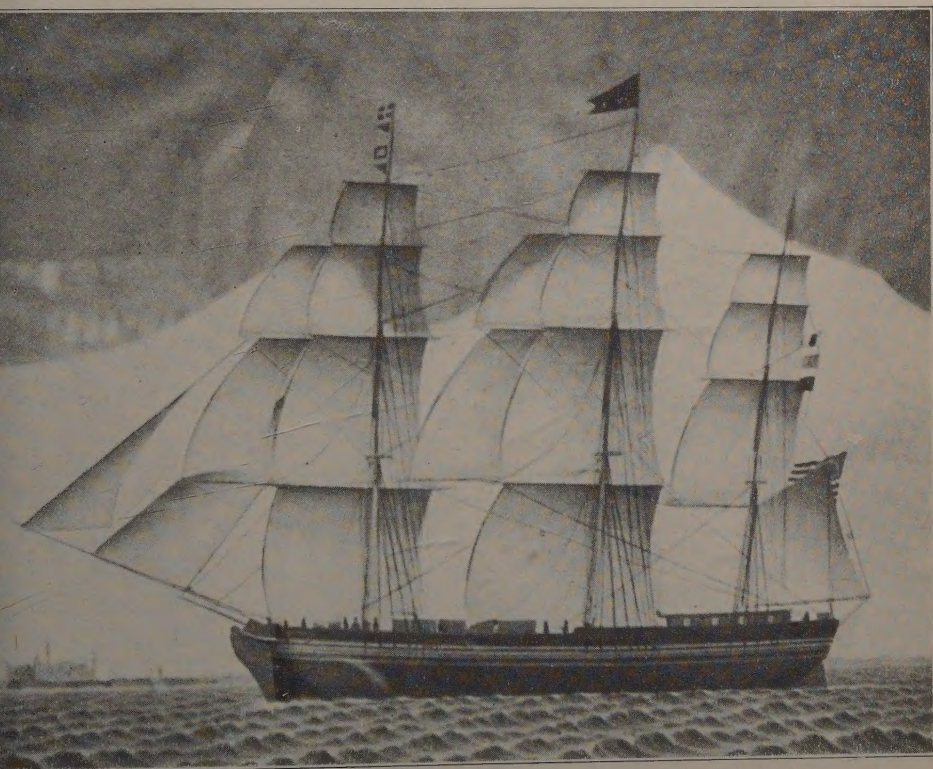


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THE SHIP COREA OF PROVIDENCE, D. JACKSON, COMMANDER
OFF ELSINORE, DENMARK, IN 1839

*From a painting by G. Clausen in the Richard W. Comstock, Jr.,
Memorial Collection in the Society's Museum.*

Another picture of the *Corea*, in which the ship's name is spelled Korea, was
printed in the *Rhode Island Historical Society Collections XVI*, op. p. 37.

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President's Annual Address

To the members of the Rhode Island Historical Society:

The President's annual address takes a different form this year from addresses heretofore delivered.

The present Executive believes that his annual message, instead of being an historical address, should take the form of an annual report of the work and activities of the Society, to the end that the members may be made more familiar with the work that the officers and the members of the Executive Committee are endeavoring to accomplish. In other words, a report of the President to the stockholders of the corporation — the members of the Society being so regarded.

CHARTER OF THE ORGANIZATION

First, a few words as to the Society itself. The Rhode Island Historical Society was chartered at the June session of the General Assembly, 1822, and is now entering upon

the 109th year of its existence. The Society was chartered, to quote from the Act of Incorporation, "For the purpose of procuring and preserving whatever relates to the topography, antiquities, and natural, civil and ecclesiastical history of the State."

Since its organization it has had fifteen presidents, as follows: James Fenner, John Howland, Albert Gorton Greene, Samuel Greene Arnold, Zachariah Allen, William Gammell, Horatio Rogers, John Henry Stiness, George Taylor Paine, Albert Harkness, Wilfred Harold Munro, Howard W. Preston, G. Alder Blumer, Claude R. Branch, and the present incumbent.

The State of Rhode Island is exceedingly wealthy in historic material and the Rhode Island Historical Society itself may well be considered as being an important part thereof.

While enjoying a long life of constructive usefulness, naturally, in accordance with its purpose, dealing with the lives and deeds of those who have gone before, nevertheless it is in no sense a dead organization, but, on the contrary, is a live twentieth century society catering to the needs of the present life and present conditions.

FINANCIAL CONDITION

While there has never been a time in the long life of the Society when it could not have used more funds advantageously, nevertheless our financial condition at the present time, as far as operating expenses are concerned, is very satisfactory, as has been shown by the report of the Treasurer. The income from the invested funds and from the annual membership dues, is carefully budgeted each year and the budget strictly adhered to. The large increase in membership during the past year has materially increased the annual income. The Society has also been fortunate the past year in having been bequeathed the sum of \$4,000 by the late Miss Emily J. Anthony,

although the bequest has not yet been paid in to the Society's treasury.

GIFTS

Numerous gifts have been received during the past year, among them being the valuable collection of Providence stamps presented by Mr. A. B. Slater, and two oil paintings by Mr. Henry D. Sharpe.

MEMBERSHIP

It is extremely gratifying to state that our membership shows a greater increase during 1930 than in any previous year, as shown by the report of the Membership Committee, and that the total membership as of December 31, 1930, is the largest ever reported at an annual meeting, as shown by the report of the Secretary. The Membership Committee has functioned admirably, and I am sure I am expressing the sentiments of the Society when I extend its members our sincere thanks for their efficient work. I trust the growth in membership will continue during the coming year.

LIBRARY

The report of our efficient Librarian and of the Library Committee shows that department of our organization to be in excellent condition. A recognized authority on library conditions recently stated in a published article that "The library of the Rhode Island Historical Society is the most complete for its subject of all the State Historical libraries in America. That is, it has more nearly all the books, pamphlets, and other historical material relating to its State than has any similar institution."

Our genealogical library is not growing as rapidly as it should, and a special fund for the purchase of genealogical books would solve this problem.

LECTURES

We have been very fortunate in securing able speakers for our 1930 courses of lectures, all of which have been most interesting and well attended. All of our lecturers have volunteered their services and the members of our Society have indeed been fortunate to have had the privilege of enjoying these instructive talks. The matter of lectures has been more fully covered in the report of the Lecture Committee.

PUBLICATIONS

The matter of our publications has been reported on by the Publication Committee, and does not require any further extended comment, except to say that they have been kept up to the high standard of previous years, and that they are in keeping with the dignity of the Society. The quarterly "Collections" in particular have been of outstanding merit.

GROUNDS AND BUILDINGS

Thanks to the efficient Committee on Grounds and Buildings our property is in excellent condition and has required but little outlay for upkeep and repairs.

NECROLOGY

The report of the Necrology Committee shows that we have lost a number of our valued members during the past year, some of whom have been members of many years standing. Included in this list is the first Vice-President of the Society, Hon. Charles Dean Kimball, a faithful and efficient officer, whose passing is a great loss to the Society. A committee representing the Society was appointed to attend the funeral and at the Executive Committee meeting following, appropriate resolutions were adopted and a copy of the same forwarded to his family.

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEES

The efficient work of these important committees is covered by the report of the Treasurer.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

The Committee on Marking Historic Sites has not been particularly active during the past year, owing, in part, to the illness and death of Chairman Kimball. Recommendation is made that a meeting of this important committee be held in the near future at which a Chairman should be elected. The State of Rhode Island, that assists the work of this committee by an appropriation, as well as this Society and the community at large, looks to this committee for the appropriate marking of the many important historic sites within the boundaries of the State, and more activity should prevail. It is not sufficient to discuss things that ought to be done; the business motto "Do it now" should be followed.

Following the instructions of the Society, your President appointed, last spring, a Committee on the Celebration of the 300th Anniversary of the Founding of Providence, which has taken the name of the Providence Tercentenary Committee. The work accomplished to date by the Committee has been very satisfactory, and has been covered by the report of the Recording Secretary, Mr. John W. Haley.

Believing that an organization functions better when individuals composing that organization are in closer touch with each other, your President, immediately after the last annual meeting, appointed a Hospitality Committee to serve during the year 1930. This action was in accord with the trend of live modern organizations, and has resulted satisfactorily. At the close of each lecture this Committee serves light refreshments, and gives opportunity to the members for closer social contact and to meet the speaker.

Formerly, after the close of a lecture, the building would be vacated inside of five minutes, where now the members spend an hour in social intercourse to the mutual benefit of all concerned. Much credit is due to the Hospitality Committee of 1930, for its efficient work. This plan will be continued during the coming year.

OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION

Your President has had the honor of representing the Society at several official functions, and at meetings and dinners of other organizations. He has accepted all such invitations unless previous engagements have prevented.

THE SOCIETY'S BUILDING

In connection with the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of the City of Providence, a book was published entitled "The Providence Plantations for 250 Years," by Welcome Arnold Greene.

Writing of the Rhode Island Historical Society and its building, Mr. Greene said:

"The capacity of the building is insufficient for the proper display of these objects of interest . . . The contents of the building may be described as consisting of: (1) a library of 16,000 bound volumes, 40,000 pamphlets, files of newspapers, and individual manuscripts; (2) a cabinet comprising, not merely curiosities, but articles that illustrate the domestic, social, commercial, and military life of an age unlike our own; (3) portraits of the prominent men in the colonial and early history of Rhode Island, together with other historic pictures."

Notwithstanding the fact that additions to the building have been made since the writing of the above, in 1886,

the building is even more crowded now than it was at that time. In fact, it is so crowded that many of the priceless possessions of the Society cannot even be displayed.

We have at the present time, over 100,000 books and pamphlets, besides over 200,000 manuscripts, while newspaper files have increased by the accumulation of 50 years.

If we are to continue to grow, function properly, and serve the citizens of Providence, it is imperative that we have more room in the very near future.

Much time and thought has already been given to the matter, and at the present time, it seems as though one of two solutions will eventually have to be adopted.

1. Acquire an entirely new site and erect a modern building thereon, selling the present land and building, and using the proceeds thereof toward the cost of the new building.

2. Build an addition on the front of the present building, covering, as far as possible, all of the land; the addition to be of fireproof construction with waterproof basement.

The Executive Committee has considered the matter and has appointed a committee to investigate the possibilities of the first plan. Although the committee so appointed has spent considerable time on the matter, very little progress has been made, and it is doubtful if the proper location can be secured at a cost that would be deemed at all reasonable.

The second plan has also been considered. In order to erect an addition that would be large enough to serve the purposes of the Society, permission would have to be secured from the Zoning Board to build upon more land than is allowed to be covered in a residential district. Inasmuch, however, as our Society is a semi-public institution, and the building is open to the public each day of the week, it is believed that the necessary permission would be granted.

While a number of our members think that an entirely new building, modern in every respect, should be acquired, an equally large number express reluctance to leave the building that has been the home of the Society for so many years, and support the second plan, which would entail but a small cost compared to the cost of the first plan.

The whole matter is receiving the consideration of the officers and members of the Executive Committee, and, I have no doubt, the proper solution will finally be found.

OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

I want to express my appreciation of the manner in which the officers and committees have functioned during the past year. The attendance at committee meetings has been noteworthy, frequently being 100 per cent.

We are fortunate in having officers and committee members who realize that they are not elected for the honor, but for the purpose of real service to the Society.

Members also have duties, other than paying their annual dues. They owe it to the speakers, to the Lecture Committee, and to the Society, to support the lectures by their attendance, and thus give their moral as well as their financial support.

CONCLUSION

In presenting this brief résumé of the activities of the Society for the past year, your President trusts that the membership has a better idea of what the Society is accomplishing. History need not necessarily be a dry matter, and when presented properly, is not. Our Society, in the second century of its existence, should, and I believe has, reached the age of mature and sound judgment; if it has not, it never will.

Although it is proper for us to look back upon the past work of the Society with pride, nevertheless, it is the

future we are facing, and I am confident that with the continued co-operation and support of our members, we will continue to function as well or better in the future as we have in the past.

ADDISON P. MUNROE,
President.

Providence, Rhode Island,
January 13, 1931.

The Walter Newbury Shipping Book

By BRUCE M. BIGELOW

Documents on seventeenth century American commerce are rare historical nuggets. Only occasionally does the historian find one of these precious records which describes the nature of our early trade — a commerce which led to the Golden Age of Newport, and the industrial era of Providence.

We have known that Narragansett Bay was a part of the seventeenth century commercial world. Indeed, even before Roger Williams had founded the town of Providence, the ubiquitous Dutchman, who tried all ports, had there bartered his knives, trinkets, tools, and firearms for the Indian furs, hides, and produce, and had even established a trading post there for the Dutch West Indian Company.¹

¹Broadhead, *History of New York*, I, VIII, 268. Cited by Arnold, *History of Rhode Island*, I, 155. There is an island in Narragansett Bay still called Dutch Island.

We have also known that the early colonists who settled Newport and Providence were prompt to continue this intercourse with the Dutchmen of Manhattan. Furthermore, we are aware that besides this coastwise commerce between Newfoundland on the north, and Manhattan on the south, these early Rhode Island merchant adventurers soon looked for a market in the Caribbean. In this early period of the seventeenth century there was some small commerce with Barbados, but exactly how much there was may never be known. Among the meagre evidence is a report to the Board of Trade made by Governor Peleg Sanford in 1680, forty-four years after the founding of the colony.² Sanford wrote that "we have nine towns or divisions within our Colloney." As to the commercial possibilities the answer was, "wee have several good Harbors . . . of very good depth and soundings, navigable for any shippings." He reported further in reference to trade, "the principall matters that are exported amongst us, is Horses and provisions and the goods chiefly imported is a small quantity of Barbadoes goods for supply of our families."

The extreme meagreness of the actual commerce of the period is indicated in this same document when the governor announced, "wee have severall men that deale in buying and sellinge although they cannot properly be called merchants, and for the Planters wee conceive there are about five hundred and about five hundred men besides." Again he stated, "That as for merchants wee have none, but the most of our Colloney live comfortably by improvinge the wilderness . . . that we have no ship-pinge belonginge to our Colloney but only a few sloopes."

This report of the governor in 1680 is somewhat unsatisfactory, but it does at least indicate the extent of early Rhode Island commerce. It should have restrained the

²Arnold, *History of Rhode Island*, I, 488-491. From the original in the British State Paper Office, New England Papers. B. T., Vol. III, 121.

popular historians who would have us believe that an active port of Providence existed in the seventeenth century. Too frequently the Sanford report was forgotten. Nevertheless, although this evidence relating to the extent of Rhode Island commerce was extant, there was nothing available for many years to tell us about the nature of this early trade.

Then came the Peleg Sanford Letter Book, found in the Massachusetts Archives, and published by the Rhode Island Historical Society in 1928. This priceless document shows the business practices of Peleg Sanford between 1666 and 1669. To supplement this account, the Society now prints an abstract of the Walter Newbury Shipping Book which was located by the writer in the Newport Historical Society Library. This unusual document indicates the actual export trade of Walter Newbury between 1673 and 1689.

Walter Newbury was born in 1648, and died in 1697.³ He is first heard of in Newport in 1673 when he shipped goods to Barbados. In the following year the Friends' records identified him as a "London merchant, residing in Newport," and show that he purchased a house from William Richardson, mariner and owner of the Ketch *Mayflower*. In 1675 he was listed as a Freeman, in 1684 as a Deputy, and from 1686 to 1696 as an Assistant.⁴ In 1675, he married a former London resident, Ann Collins, and had eight children by the union. Newbury was apparently a very active Quaker. The famous itinerant Friend, William

³Austin, *Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island*, p. 137. See also Turner, *Genealogical Manuscript*, p. 151, in Newport Historical Society. A note on Newbury's death and estate is in *Rhode Island Colonial Records*, III, 440.

⁴*Rhode Island Colonial Record*, III, 186, 220, 312.

Edmundson,⁵ in the journal of his own life described visits to the West Indies, a passage to Rhode Island in a "Yatch that Joseph Bryer, a Friend was master of," and his stay during an illness at the home of Walter Newbury.

The Newbury document is a shipping book of a standard type. For the convenience of merchants English printers sold bills of lading bound together in book form. The bills were printed forms with spaces into which the name of the shipper, the vessel, the master, and the consignee would be written. The cargo, of course, was also included along with the freight rate, and then too the date. The master's signature appeared at the bottom of each bill.⁶

It is interesting that the first bill of lading was not made out in Newbury's name. Hope Borden made the first shipment, and the cargo, consisting of horses and provisions, was consigned to Joseph Borden. The bill was dated November 18, 1673. In this case shipper and consignee were husband and wife. Joseph Borden had moved from Portsmouth to Barbados; his wife Hope remained in Newport with her mother until the Borden's third child was born.⁷ The second bill of lading, dated December 30, 1673, reveals Walter Newbury as the shipper and Joseph Borden as the receiver. The story is clear enough. Joseph Borden had probably carried on a previous correspondence with Barbados. After his departure to the West Indies his wife

⁵A *Journal of the Life Travels, Sufferings and Labour of Love in the Work of the Ministry of that Worthy Elder and Faithful Servant of Jesus Christ, William Edmundson*, pp. 71-82. (London, 1712.)

⁶The signatures indicate how unimportant spelling was considered by colonists of the seventeenth century. Even the name of the shipper, Newbury, appears as Newberry and Newbery. A very interesting signature in this book is that of Sam Cranston. This is the only actual record that seems to exist which proves that he was the master of a vessel. Many stories of his ventures, however, have survived.

⁷Austin, *Genealogical Dictionary*, p. 24.

Shipped in good order, and well conditioned by *Walter Newbury*
 in and upon the Ship called the *Samuel* & *Mary*
 whereof is Master for this present Voyage *Samuel*
 and now riding at anchor in the *harbor of Newport* and bound for: *Bahamas*
 to *sea* *four* *lasts* *&c* *Sic* *halfe*
Barth. of *Orions*

being marked and numbred as in the margin, and are to be delivered in the like good order and
 well conditioned at the aforejaid Port of *Bahamas*
 (the danger of the Seas onely excepted) unto: *Joseph Drow* *merchante*
 or to his assignee, he or they paying freight for the said goods *forty five*
shillings *per* *tunn*:

with primage and average accustomed. In witness whereof, the Master or Purser of the said Ship
 hath affirmed to three Bills of Lading, all of this tenor and date, the one of which three Bills be-
 ing accomplished, the other two to stand void. - Dated in *Newport* this
20 *October* *1836*

Agents Unknown of Mr. Sam. Hanston

Sanford used this practice most regularly. Newbury employed it too, but occasionally took a chance on a consignment to the master, who was charged to dispose of it as best he could. It was this method of shipment which became so popular in the first half of the next century. At first, however, this was too risky. Even a single cargo would usually be consigned to several different men.

The Newbury shipments to the West Indies were of a very miscellaneous nature. In the winter months, beef and pork were the most common. Mackerel in the other seasons was the usual fish export, although it was of less importance than other provisions. There was not a great amount of live stock sent by Newbury to the West Indies. Horses were shipped but only occasionally. Sheep were carried to North Carolina, but there is no mention of such a shipment to the Caribbean. The provisions consisted mainly of apples, cider, peas, bread, wheat, butter, cheese, and onions. Many other goods, however, were found among the cargoes. Tar, staves, shingles, raw wool, candles, and oil were quite common.

In the decade that followed, 1690-1700, the trade of Rhode Island apparently did not differ greatly from that of the preceding years. Antigua may have attracted more vessels; possibly Jamaica was gaining as a market. Barbados was soon to see the sun setting in the west, and her heyday coming to a close. For a quarter of a century more, however, she held on, but the forces of nature were not to be denied.

The story of this early Rhode Island-West Indian trade has a very important place in colonial history. The seventeenth century was a period of growth in Rhode Island and the West Indies, as elsewhere in the British colonial world. Preparation for the commercial growth which followed had been made in the decades that preceded the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Walter Newbury, Peleg Sanford, the Cranstons, and the Wantons, along with many

others, had planted and nursed the sapling which was to blossom and bear the prized seed which the merchant magnates of the later eighteenth century were to harvest.

Shipped by Hope Borden on Ship [?] *Johanah and Sarah*, Roger Gollon, [?] Goulding] master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Nov. 18, 1673.

"three horses, one to paye freight, the one halfe to witt the bay horse; the other two to pay one hundred and fifty pounds of suger more than halfe the produce of the horse afoursd. Chaghe [charge] hay and provindor [illegible] three horses as afoursd; one barll aples & five hundred of Ceder chings [shingles]"

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ship [?] called the *Robuck*, John Bradford, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Dec. 30, 1673.

"six barlls of sidor & four barlls of porke."

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden and Richard Sanders. Dec. 30, 1673.

"seven firkins butter, seven bars of Iron, . . . forty four boxes of pills . . ."

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, on account and risque of George Coall and unto Oliver Hodin, Dec. 30, 1673.

"ten barlls of Sidr . . . Eight barlls of pork, six firkins of butter"

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ship *Newport*, Henry Beer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Walter Newbury, Jan. 5, 1673/4.

"three hhds fish, two hhds bread, six f— mackrell, 3 barlls beef, 2 Barlls porke, one barll Cranbers [cranberries], one barll pickled Cd. [cod?]."

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship [? Ketch] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Thomas and Ralph Frothwell, Dec. 30, 1673.

"4 barlls porke one barll Mutton, one firkin hogs fatt . . ."

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Flyer*, Roger Mash [Marsh], master, Barbados to Jamaica, unto Edmond Stevenson in Jamaica, Feb. 21, 1673/4.

"four barlls of Candole [candles?]"

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, on account and risque of Joseph Grove and unto Oliver Hooton, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"2 Barells of Beefe & one barell of mutton".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, for account and risque of Timothy Mashall [Marshall] deceased, and unto his late wife Abigall Mashall, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"1 Barell of Beefe & one Barell of Mutton & one Barell of Hodgs fatt".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, for account and risque of Joseph Walker and unto the same, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"Three Barells of beefe & one Barrill of Mutton".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Gilbert Gillaspee, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"One Barrill of Beefe & three Barills of porke".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Emanuell Curtis, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"One Barrill of beefe."

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph

Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Jan. 23, 1675/6.

"Three Barrills porke, Three Barrills of beefe".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Hester Forster, Jan. 22, 1675/6.

"One Barrill of Beefe, One Barrill of Mutton, One firkin of Hoggs fatt".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ship *Orijane* [?], Henry Triggino, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Dec. 8, 1676.

"Six barills & one hhd." [No merchandise named].

Shipped by Walter Newbury on *Sarah*, John Hodge, master, Newport to New York unto John Robinson, Dec. 12, 1676.

"Eight Pipes Fieall [Fayal] wine & two pipes of Green Canary".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on [No name given], John Mash [Marsh], master, Newport to New York, for account of William Richardson and Fred Phillips, Jan. 12, 1676/7. [Name of Christopher Almy signed in master's place]

"fourteen hhds & 4 quarter Caske of brandy".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on [No name given] Christopher Almy, master, Newport to New York, unto Fredrick Phillips. Jan. 24, 1676/7.

"Fower [four] Butts and Fower Spanish pipes".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on [No name given] Christopher Almy, master, Newport to New York, unto Robert Learoke, Jan. 24, 1676/7.

"one Butt [wine?]".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph

Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Thomas Frothwell, Feb. 7, 1676/7.

"2 Firkins of hoggs fatt".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Walker, Feb. 7, 1676/7.

"Six barlls of beefe & four barlls of porke".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Feb. 7, 1676/7.

"one barll of porke & one barll of beefe".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Hester Forster, Feb. 7, 1676/7.

"one barll of porke & one barl of beefe".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Grove, Feb. 7, 1676/7.

"two barlls of beefe & one barll of Porke".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Newport*, Henry Beer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Walker, July 16, 1677.

"two barlls of oyl & two firkins of butter".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Newport*, Henry Beer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, July 16, 1677.

"two barlls of tarr".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on [illegible], Chas. Borden, master, Newport to New York, unto John Robinson, Aug. 2, 1677.

"Five baggs of woll Cont [containing] Six hundred & seventy pounds of woll."

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Walker, Sept. 2, 1677.

"one hhd of Bread".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Abigall Cley-poll, Sept. 2, 1677.

"one hhd of bread & pees".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Hester Forster for account of Joseph Borden, Sept. 2, 1677.

"one hhd of bread".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Unity*, Joon Jooson [?] Newport to New York, Sept. 20, 1677.

"Eight pipes of brandy wine wanting of being full 45½ Inches in ye wholld".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop *Hunter*, John Johnson, master, Newport to New York, unto [illegible], Feb. 28, 1677.

"Eight barlls of Sider, one barell of muscovado Sugar, one hundred of sheeps woll, & twenty fove jills wampum".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Barque *Newport*, Benjamin Speare, master, Newport to Jamaica, unto Mathew Mahew, Sept. 16, 1678.

"twenty one barrell of fish & three quarters".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Barque *Newport*, Benjamin Speare, master, Newport to Jamaica, on account and risque of Robert Story of New York, and unto Walter Newbury, Sept. 16, 1678.

"Thyrtty barells of flower"

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Barque *Newport*, Benjamin Speare, master, Newport to Jamaica, on account and

risque of Jacob Leroy, and unto Walter Newbury, Sept. 16, 1678.

"three hhd's bread & pees three barlls oyle, one barll porke, ten barlls & Six half barlls flower, one Chest of Candles".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Barque *Newport*, Benjamin Speare, master, Newport to Jamaica, unto Walter Newbury, Sept. 16, 1678.

"thirty three Barels of Pork, thirteen Barels of oyl, twelve Barrels of Mackrel, thirty half Barrels of Tar, fourteen Barrels & four half Barrels of Flower, Six Barrels of Pease, one Barel of Beef, one Barrel & four Sacks of Onions, sixteen Firkins of Butter, ten Boxes of Candles, three Barrels of Rush, five Hogsheads of Bread & Pease three Hogsheads of Pease, fifty six Bushels of Pease loose in ye Bread-room & in the Hould Eleven hundred of Staves".

Shipped by Ann Newbury, on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Timothy Marshall, July 11, 1679.

"Fower [four] Firkings of Buter".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Samuel Carpenter, Jan. 9, 1679/80.

"twelve Barells of Pork for ye Proper acctt & Risque of Jno Lambert & Compy & foure Barlls Pork & three firkins of butr on ye acct. & Risque of thomas hog & foure Barlls Pork & three firkins of Buttr on ye acct. & Risque of Thomas Worden".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Grove, Jan. 9, 1679/80.

"three Barells of Pork & two firkins of butter for . . . Joseph Grove & one Barll Pork & one firkin of buttr for . . . Hester Forster".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*,

Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Borden, Jan. 9, 1679/80.

" . . . two Barlls Porke for . . . Hallalujah Fisher & two Barlls Pork for . . . Sollamen Ettles".

Shipped by Order of John Forster on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados or Nevis, unto Abraham Baruch Henig, July 30, 1680.

"Six Baggs of woole".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on [?] *Lyon* Nathaniel Osgood, master, Newport to Jamaica, unto George Coall and for account and risque of estate of Richard Hunter, deceased.

"seventeen barlls of porke & two firkins of hogs fatt".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ship [no name given] William Hedge, master, Newport to Boston, unto Nathaniel Linds.

"foure hogsheads of Sugar."

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Adventure*, Stephen Cross, master, Newport to Boston, unto Edward Shippen, Sept. 6, 1681.

"five packs of Beaver".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Thomas Rodman, Jan. 20, 1681/2.

"fower barrells of Porke, Six firkins of Soap, ten barrells tar, three barrells Syder, two Chest of Candles".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Dolphin*, Chas. Brookes, master, Newport to New York, for account and risque of George Coale at Port Royal, Jamaica, and unto William Frumpton, Jan. 15, 1682/3.

"thirteen firkins of Buttur".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Merchant Adven-*

ture, John Bab, master, Newport to Carolina, unto Joseph Morton, Jan. 27, 1682/3.

"twenty Six horse hind & fifty five sheep with their Provision Customary".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship [?] *Portsmouth*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport to Jamaica, for account and risque of Walter Newbury, and unto Benjamin Newbury. Nov. 1684.

"fifty Barlls Mackrell, fifty one whole & forty halfe Barlls Porke, Eight whole & forty halfe Barls Beefe, twenty Barls Syder, nine Barls beer, two hgds & nine Barls Oynions, twelve hgds Bisket, five whole & 30 halfe Barlls flower, one hundred Barlls Tar, Sixty one firkins Buttr, two Barlls Oyle, fourteen Hogds fish, nine firkins of hogs fatt, ten Boxes of Candles, 1540 Staves, Eight Caske of Apples, fifty Cheeses".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Ketch *Mary*, Hugh Power, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Oliver Hooton, Nov. 29, 1684.

"Eight whole & five halfe barlls of porke, ten barlls of tarr, one halfe Barll of beef, one halfe barll of Aples, one halfe barll of bread & wheat, one horse, three sheepe, a small bag containing 110 peces of 8/8, 3 Cheeses, one firkin of buter, 3 barlls Syder".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop *Betty*, Daniel Gould, master, Newport to Antigua, on account and risque of Robert Elton, and unto Edward Perry and Robert Elton, Dec. 10, 1684.

"twenty Cask Containg one tonn of tarr on account and risque of Walter Newbury, one barll Apells, one barll of beer, one half barll of porke & one firkin of butter on account and risque of Robert Elton".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop *Betty*, Daniel

Gould, master, Newport to Antigua, unto Thomas Turner, planter, Nov. 10, 1684.

"five barlls of porke, two firkins of butter & one barll of Syder."

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Nevis Merchant*, Timothy Clarke, master, Newport to Nevis, on account and risque of Nathaniel Johnson and unto Timothy Clarke, March 24, 1684.

"one larg bay mare & two horses".

Shipped by Benjamin Newbury on Ship *Amity*, Richard Diamond, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Oliver Hooten, July 11, 1685.

"tenn firkins of Butter".

Shipped by Benjamin Newbury on Ship *Amity*, Richard Diamond, master, Newport to Barbados, unto "Widdow Ann Gallop", July 11, 1685.

"One Large gray Gelding markt on ye Buttock & three water Cask".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop [illegible], Daniel Stanton, master, Newport to Philadelphia, for account and risque of Zacharia Whitpaine, April 3, 1686.

"Seven hhds & two halfe hhds of [illegible],

Eight barrls pork, Six Barlls beef, three firkins of butter, one hundred and Sixty bushels of Indian Corn."

Shipped by Walter Newbury on the *Bristol Merchant*, Samuel Woodberry, master, Newport to London, unto William Phillips, May 5, 1686.

"23 hhds of skines and one barll of plain sugar".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on the *Bristol Merchant*, Samuel Woodberry, master, Newport to London, unto George Watts, May 5, 1686.

"Sixty three pounds three shillings Starling money of England and ninty peces of Eight Spanish money".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on the *Bristol Merchant*, Samuel Woodberry, master, Newport to London, unto Edward Hastwell or Nathaniel Wilmor, May 5, 1686.

"five severall bills of Exchaing Containing three hundred & fortty pounds Starlling money of England".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Portsmouth*, Henry Beer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Grove June 22, 1686.

"nine barlls of oyle, 52 Cask of tar, Six Cask of flower, thirteen firkins and two halfe firkins of butter, twelve thousand four hundred Sixty Eight Staves, three thousand seven hundred and fifty Shingles, Six hundred & halfe of hoops and two horses with water Casks".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop [no name given] Jonathan Marsh, master, Newport to Burlington on Delaware, unto Thomas Budd, Sept. 6, 1686.

"Six hhds of Rum" [also some wool—quantity written illegibly]

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop [no name given] Peter Triby, master, Newport to Boston, unto Edward Shippen, Sept. 9, 1686.

"Six tonn & a halfe of brazallete wood & a bundle of bever & deer skins and foure hhds of Sugar".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop [no name given] Peter Triby, master, Newport to Boston, for account and risque of Edward Perry and unto Elizabeth Perry, Sept. 9, 1686.

"nineteen halfe barlls of flower"

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Dolphin*, William Sikes, master, Newport to Boston, for account and risk of Barthollamew Gidney of Salem, and unto Edward Shippen, Oct. 6, 1686.

"seven bages of sheepes woll"

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on *Ann and Mary*, Sam Cranston, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Grove, Oct. 20, 1686.

"four barlls & Six halfe barlls of onions"

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Unity*, Joseph Worden, master, Newport to Shrowsbery, unto Thomas Eaton, Nov. 3, 1686.

"one hhd Rum, ten Iron kettles, two bages Shott, two hatts, a CandleStick, Seven dozand halfe of fishooks".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Desire*, Daniel Stanton, master, Newport to Boston, unto Edward Shippen, merchant in Boston, Dec. 1, 1686.

"one hundred Cheeses, Six firkins of butter, one bag of pewter, one bag Bese wax, twelve doz fire shovell pans".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on [?] *Portsmouth*, Henry Beer, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Joseph Grove, Dec. 25, 1686.

"ten thousand five hundred of white oake barrll Staves with Heading, twenty barll train oyle, thirty four halfe barrll beefe, three firkins of hogs lard, three halfe barrll Cranbury, fiveteen Cask of tarr, one thousand two hundred Shingles, five horses with fourteen water Cask, a hundred & halfe of Hoops".

Also "Eight boxes of Candles . . . acct & risque of Joseph Groves".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Providence*, Joseph Bryer, master, Newport for Barbados, unto Joseph Grove, Jan. 14, 1686/7.

[lumber and horses, quantity illegible]

Also "one box of Candels & one hors [horse]"

Also "twenty one thousand four hundred twenty seven futt of bords, nineteen thousand four hundred 24 of staves, nineteen thous of Shingles & 23 Sheepe".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on [?] *Dolphin*, Richard Foster, master, Newport to Boston, unto John Bisler March 31, 1687.

"twenty foure barlls of porke & a hhd of [illegible], two deer skins Loose"

Also "twenty six barls of porke and four half barls" to Stephen Mason.

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Sloop *Ark Noil Mew*, master, Newport to New York, unto Gabriel Munveal of N. Y., Nov. 8, 1688.

"26 firkins of buttr".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Sloop *Desire*, Peter Tribly, master, Newport to Boston, unto Anthony Haywood of Boston, Nov. 20, 1688.

"Two pipes of wine".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Brigantine *Elizabeth & Mary*, Daniel Stanton, master, Newport to Jamaica, unto Thimothy Weymouth, Dec. 18, 1688.

"Three Barrls of Oyle, Six barll porke, Tenn firkins of Buttr, Three Caske of Cheese, Two Barlls & one halfe Barll of Cranberry".

Also "Two Barll of Oyle, Two firkins of Buttr, one Caske of Cheese . . . acct. & risque of Joseph Nauris in Jamaica".

Shipped by Walter Newbury, on Ship *Newport*, Daniel Gould, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Christianus Gardner and William Wheeler, March 19, 1688.

"four barrll porke, four barrll beefe & four boxes Candles".

Shipped by Walter Newbury on Brigantine *Indeavour*, John Hart, master, Newport to Barbados, unto Christianus Gardner and Wm. Wheeler, April 13, 1689.

"Ten Barrll of Oyle, one Thousand of hhd Staves, five hundred of hhd hoops, one box of Candles & four horses with Oats, hey & water Caske [casks] as Customary."

First Settlers in East Providence

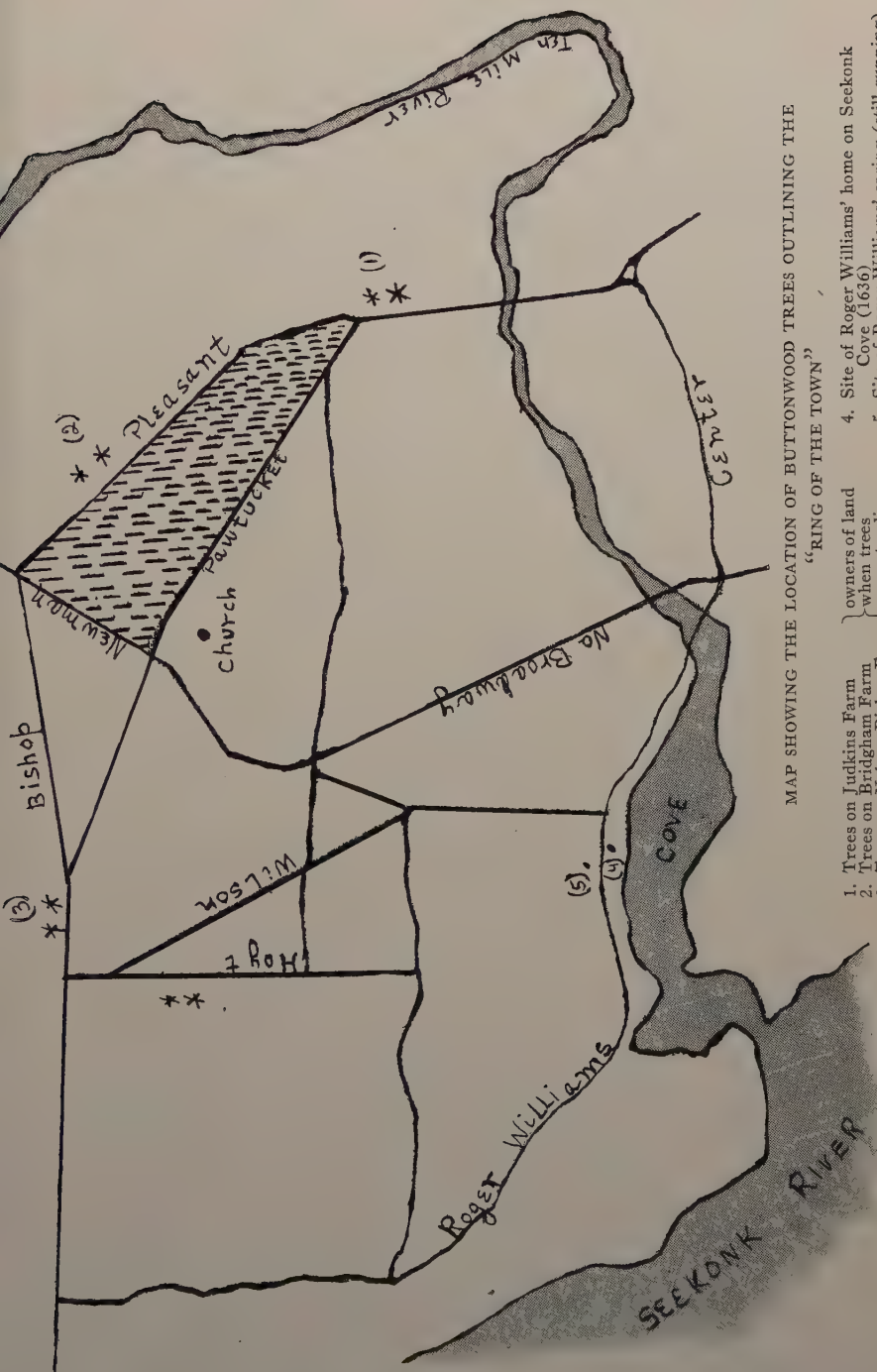
By W. LEROY WOOD

William Blackstone or Blaxton was the first white settler of Rehoboth, coming from Boston. He it was who gave the Boston Common to the settlers of that town. In 1635, he built a home on the upper waters of the Seekonk River, today known as the Blackstone River. The place where the walls of his house were raised, then a part of Rehoboth, about three miles above the city of Pawtucket, is now known as Cumberland, R. I.

Roger Williams was the second white man to come to the region now known as Rhode Island, and the first white man to come to what is today East Providence. He arrived in the spring of 1636. But following the advice of his friend, the Governor of Plymouth, who did not desire to displease the Bay Colony, Roger Williams moved to the westward, across the Seekonk.

Another white man has left his name on the early records, although the information regarding him is meagre. In the Plymouth Colonial Records (Vol. II, page 67) we learn that one, John Hazell was living at "Seacunck" in the year 1642.

The man whom we regard as the real founder of Rehoboth, and particularly of the part to be later known as East Providence, was the Rev. Samuel Newman. It has been said that "the history of the early colonies is the history of the churches." The Rev. Samuel Newman was a pastor in Yorkshire, England, for ten years. Dissatisfied with religious conditions in England, he came to America in 1635. For four years he made his home in Dorchester, Mass. In 1639, he became pastor of the Weymouth Church, staying in that town for four years.



MAP SHOWING THE LOCATION OF BUTTONWOOD TREES OUTLINING THE
"RING OF THE TOWN"

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| 1. Trees on Judkins Farm | } owners of land
when trees | 4. Site of Roger Williams' home on Seekonk Cove (1636) |
| 2. Trees on Bridgham Farm | | 5. Site of Roger Williams' spring (still running) |
| 3. Trees on Nelson Bishop Farm | | |
- were standing.

In the spring of 1644, he left Weymouth with nearly three score men and their families and came to the westerly bounds of Plymouth Colony. Arriving at the region bordering the Seekonk River they decided to make this their home. The Indians called the region "Seekonk" or "Seacunk." It is believed that the name was the combination of two Indian words, "seaki" meaning black, and "konk," goose—black goose. These geese frequently alighted in the Seekonk River and cove as they passed over the section. The Rev. Mr. Newman called the place "Rehoboth" for he said, "the Lord hath opened a way for us." (Gen. 26:24.) The word means room or broad place.

From the records and accounts of the beginning of the town we learn that the houses of this first colony were built in a semi-circle around Seekonk Common, opening toward the Seekonk River, with the church and the minister's house in the center. This has been referred to frequently as "the Ring of the Town."

Where was the site of this Ring? Beyond the fact that the Ring encircled the common and opened toward the river, we find no record. Seekonk Common lay between the junction of Pleasant Street and Pawtucket Avenue, and the junction of Pawtucket and Newman Avenues.

From a resident of Rumford who has taken a deep interest in the events and conditions in the early colony—Mr. George ¹Carpenter, we learn that at one time a row of buttonwood trees followed the outline of this ring. Today none of these trees are living. Thirty years ago one of these trees was standing. During his youth Mr. Carpenter noted and marked the site of eight of these trees. He was told by some of the older inhabitants of the town that they formed a part of the original line of trees which extended along the Ring of the town.

¹Son of Horatio Carpenter.

The location of the trees that Mr. Carpenter noted are marked upon the accompanying map. By them we can trace the probable outline of the "Ring." We see that the conditions of the record are met, that the Ring was around the Common, opening toward the river, with the church in the center.

The first church building erected by these colonists stood to the south of the present building. It is believed to have stood on the site of the Newman monument in the cemetery. This first building was erected in 1646, and was said to be a very crude structure.

Seventy-one years later it was replaced by another building which was north of the monument, near the site of the tomb, and still on the south side of the road. In 1810, a third building was erected, this time across the road. This building is still standing, the present Newman Church, known to the people of this vicinity and to the patrons of the United Electric Railway as the "White Church."

Its predecessor was taken down and the timbers were used for² the frame and planks for the walls of the Old Town Hall, which is located on Pawtucket Avenue at East Providence Center (Rumford). There is a tradition,² we are told, that this Town Hall was first located where the Union Primary School now stands, but that there is no means of verifying that statement. So far as the records show, this building stood on the present location of the Public Library at the the Center until 1904, when it was moved to its present site, and the Library built upon its earlier location.

In his "History of Rehoboth," Mr. Leonard Bliss gives us the following account of an early town meeting as noted in the town record of that early colony.

"At a general meeting of the town of Seakunk being the 9th of the 10th month (December) 1644, at law-

²*Providence Evening Bulletin*, Aug. 27, 1928.

ful warning given, by reason of many meetings, and other strong causes for the easing of the great trouble, and for the (word illegible) and the deciding of controversies between party and party as well as the proposing of men's levies to be made and paid, and for the well ordering of the town affairs, as may stand with future equity, according to our former combination, the inhabitants of said place have chosen these men here named—

Alexander Winchester	William Smith
Walter Palmer	Robert Martin
Richard Bowen	Henry Smith
Richard Wright	Stephen Payne

“These men were called ‘Townsmen’ and were the predecessors of the officials who today constitute the Town Council. But these Townsmen had greater powers than do the members of the present Town Council. At a subsequent meeting of the Townsmen it was ordered that the recording of any man's land in the Town Book shall be to him and his heirs a sufficient assurance forever.

“In 1645, the people submitted to the jurisdiction of the Plymouth Court and were incorporated under the name of Rehoboth. On the 9th of June, 1645, lots were drawn for land upon the great plain, and the list gives, it is reasonable to suppose, the names of all the original settlers.” This list can be read in the histories of both Bliss and Tilton.

ESTHER WILLETT THIMBLE

On page 126 of Volume XXIII of the *Collections* will be found an article on the Esther Willett thimble in which it is stated that the thimble was found during the excavations in connection with the building of Col. H. Anthony Dyer's house in East Providence. Colonel Dyer informs us that the thimble was found in the garden, not in the ruins of the old house, and paints an attractive word picture of the supposal that Esther lost her thimble one day while sewing in the garden.

NEW PUBLICATIONS OF RHODE ISLAND INTEREST

Robert Feke, Colonial Portrait Painter by Henry Wilder Foote, is an illustrated volume of 223 pages. It will be remembered that one of the earliest studies of Feke was made by Professor William C. Poland and printed in the "Rhode Island Historical Society Proceedings," 1905, p. 73.

The Colony House by Frank H. Swan, is a leaflet of 18 pages, issued by the Akerman-Standard Company.

The Society of Colonial Wars in Rhode Island has issued a pamphlet of 20 pages: *Samuel Gorton's Letter to Lord Hyde in Behalf of the Narragansett Sachems*, April 4, 1662.

Sachems of the Narragansetts, is an illustrated volume of 117 pages, dealing with the lives of the rulers of our local Indians, which has just been published by the Rhode Island Historical Society.

Antiques for December, 1930, contains an illustrated article showing that Malbone's painting called "The Hours" is really based directly on Samuel Shelley's painting with the same title, although as Ruel P. Tolman observes, "Malbone has evidently improved upon Shelley."

Old-Time New England for January, 1931, contains an illustrated article on New England windmills including an account of the old windmills of Rhode Island.

The New England Historical and Genealogical Register for January, 1931, contains an article on the ancestry of Peter Tallman of Portsmouth, R. I.

The Early Quakers and the Old Quaker Meeting House, a paper by W. L. Watson, has been published as "Bulletin Number 5" of the Jamestown Historical Society.

The Calendar of State Papers for 1717-1718, which has recently been issued by the British Government contains several references to Rhode Island affairs, including further data on the controversy over the appointment of the Governor of Massachusetts as Commander-in-Chief of the militia of Rhode Island, the account of the capture of the Rhode Island brigantine *John and Thomas* by pirates, and an estimate of Rhode Island wool exports.

Volume II of *The "Old Stone Bank" History of Rhode Island* is a book of 141 pages by John Williams Haley.

The Times Literary Supplement (London) of Feb. 5, 1931, contains a review of the January issue of the *Rhode Island Historical Society Collections*.

Antiques for January, 1931, contains an article on early Rhode Island pottery by Charles D. Cook.

Notes

The Society recently obtained a copy of a hitherto unknown Rhode Island broadside of 1778. It is a resolution in regard to guns which was passed at the Second May Session of the General Assembly of Rhode Island, in 1778.

The following persons have been elected to membership in the Society:

Mrs. William Wood Estes	Mr. Henry T. Samson
Mr. David Davidson	Mr. Daniel L. Willmarth, Jr.
Mr. Robert S. Emerson	Mr. Jarvis M. Morse
Mr. G. Burton Hibbert	Mrs. William A. McAuslan
Mr. George E. Bixby	Dr. Madelaine R. Brown
Mr. Fred H. Barrows	Mr. Henry A. DuVillard
Mr. Edgar W. Martin	Mrs. Robert Ives Gammell
Miss Anna Chapin	Mrs. Harold P. Salisbury
Edgar B. Smith, M.D.	Mrs. George St. J. Sheffield
Miss Mittie Arnold	Mr. Edward J. C. Bullock
Mrs. I. B. Merriman	Mrs. Edward J. C. Bullock
Mr. John B. Archer	Mr. David B. Lovell, Jr.
Mr. W. L. Watson	Mr. W. Granville Meader
Mr. Zenas W. Bliss	Mr. Sidney D. Humphrey
Mr. Ward E. Smith	Mrs. John S. Holbrook
Mrs. Louis C. Gerry	Mrs. George H. Huddy, Jr.
Mr. Eugene A. Clauss	Miss Jane Arnold Thomas
Miss Abbie P. Gardner	Mrs. George W. H. Ritchie
Mr. Paul C. De Wolf	Mrs. Wallace Campbell
Miss Louisa A. Sweetland	Mr. G. Frederick Frost

Report of Membership Committee

In accordance with the By-Laws your Committee on Membership submits the following report:

At the beginning of the year it was thought advisable to look over the field with the idea of increasing the membership, the plan adopted was to send each member a printed form, wherein they could name prospective members. The members responded to this request very well. Of course, it was necessary to clear these lists to avoid duplication, as some names were suggested of persons who were already members, while the names of other non-members appeared upon more than one list. By this simple method the admission of 115 new members was acquired. This is the Rhode Island Historical Society, a state-wide organization, and it is the opinion of your Committee that while we naturally draw heavily upon the City of Providence for our membership yet there is undoubtedly quite a number of eligible and desirable members in the other cities and towns who are interested in Rhode Island history and its institutions, and who upon invitation would be pleased to be identified as members. It is with this idea in view that your Committee will give special attention during the coming year to the outlying districts without relinquishment, however, of our vigilance and attention in the capital city.

New members since the last annual meeting 115, of whom 74 reside in Providence, 33 in Rhode Island outside of Providence, and 8 outside of the State of Rhode Island.

There has been 14 lost by death.

No members have been dropped from the roll of membership on account of the non-payment of dues.

The present membership is 566, the largest membership in the history of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY C. DEXTER,
Chairman.

January 13, 1931.

RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
TREASURER'S REPORT
INCOME ACCOUNT FOR YEAR 1930

RECEIPTS

Annual Dues	\$2,638.00
Dividends and Interest	5,530.14
Rental of Rooms	110.00
State Appropriation	1,500.00
Contributions	40.00
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	\$9,818.14

EXPENDITURES

Binding	\$326.62
Books	833.37
Electric Light and Gas	46.05
Exhibitions	163.79
Expense	295.09
Grounds and Building	197.41
Heating	700.00
Newspaper Account	21.70
Publications	976.63
Salaries	5,520.00
Supplies	271.17
Telephone	74.40
Water	8.00
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	\$9,434.23
Surplus Income Account	383.91
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	\$9,818.14

STATEMENT OF CONDITION, DECEMBER 31, 1930

ASSETS

Grounds and Building	\$25,000.00
Investments:	

BONDS

\$4,000. Cedars Rapids Mfg. & Power Co. 5s, 1953	\$3,228.88
3,000. Central Mfg. District	3,000.00
3,000. Cleveland Elec. Illuminating Co. 5s, 1939	2,565.42
1,000. Commonwealth Edison Co. 5s, 1943...	965.25
4,000. Dominion of Canada 5s, 1952.....	4,003.91
1,000. Western Electric Co. 5s, 1944	998.17
4,000. No. 61 Broadway Building, 1st Mtge. 5½s, 1950	4,000.00
4,000. Minneota Power & Light Co. 1st 5s, 1955	3,930.00
4,000. Monongahela Valley Traction Co. 1st 5s, 1942	3,685.00
2,000 Ohio Power & Light Co. 1st & Ref. 5s, 1952	1,974.00
2,000. Narragansett Electric Co. 1st 5s, 1957	1,980.00
2,000. Shell Union Oil Corporation 5s, 1947	1,979.00
2,000. Koppers Gas & Coke Co. 5s, 1947.....	1,962.50
1,000. Indianapolis Power & Light Co. 1st 5s, 1957	994.50

STOCKS

54 shs. New York Central Railroad Company...	\$3,766.47
125 shs. Pennsylvania Railroad Company.....	7,638.35
30 shs. Lehigh Valley Railroad Company	2,112.50
7 shs. Lehigh Valley Coal Sales Company	235.39
40 shs. Milwaukee Elec. Railway & Light Co., Pfd.	3,900.00
64 shs. American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	5,960.05
350 shs. Providence Gas Company	5,755.68
15 shs. Providence National Bank	1,800.00
30 shs. Merchants' National Bank Building}	
45 shs. Blackstone Canal National Bank.....	1,050.00
52 shs. Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Rwy. Co., Com.	6,247.85
20 shs. American Power & Light Co., \$5. Pfd.	1,696.50
30 shs. Standard Gas & Electric Co., \$4. Pfd....	1,906.50
35 shs. Public Service Corp'n. of New Jersey, \$5. Pfd.	3,327.63

Cash on hand	80,663.55
	3,229.75

 \$108,893.30

LIABILITIES

Equipment Fund	\$25,000.00
Permanent Endowment Fund:	
Samuel M. Noyes	\$12,000.00
Henry J. Steere	10,000.00
James H. Bugbee	6,000.00
Charles H. Smith	5,000.00
Charles W. Parsons	4,000.00
William H. Potter	3,000.00
Esek A. Jillson	2,000.00
John Wilson Smith	1,000.00
William G. Weld	1,000.00
Charles C. Hoskins	1,000.00
Charles H. Atwood	1,000.00
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	46,000.00
Publication Fund:	
Robert P. Brown	\$2,000.00
Ira B. Peck	1,000.00
William Gammell	1,000.00
Albert J. Jones	1,000.00
William Ely	1,000.00
Julia Bullock	500.00
Charles H. Smith	100.00
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	6,600.00
George L. Shepley Fund	5,000.00
Life Membership	5,550.00
Franklin Lyceum Memorial Fund	734.52
Book Fund	3,012.41
Reserve Fund	1,113.27
Revolving Publication Fund	537.27
Surplus	13,766.62
Surplus Income Account	1,579.21
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	\$108,893.30

PRINCIPAL ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR 1930

RECEIPTS

From Surplus Income Account	\$1,128.53
\$5,000. New York Edison Company 6½s, 1941, sold	5,687.50
300. United Electric Railways, Prior Lien 4s, 1946, sold ..	159.00
64 rts. American Telephone & Telegraph Company, sold	1,086.18
Life Membership	200.00
Reserve Fund	69.00
Revolving Publication Fund	343.00
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	\$8,673.21
Balance January 1, 1930	2,163.94
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	\$10,837.15

PAYMENTS

50 shs. Providence Gas Company, new stock	\$750.00
14 shs. Pennsylvania R. R. Company, new stock	703.38
4 shs. New York Central R. R. Company, new stock	411.25
20 shs. American Power & Light Company, bought	1,696.50
35 shs. Public Service Corp'n. of New Jersey, \$5. Pfd., bought ..	3,327.63
30 shs. Standard Gas & Electric Company, \$4. Pfd., bought	1,906.50
Revolving Publication Fund	391.35
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	\$9,186.61
Balance December 30, 1930	1,650.54
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	\$10,837.15

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT A. HARRINGTON,
Treasurer.

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